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"G O L D   A N D   G R I T"

CAST

BUDDY ROOSEVELT. . . . .	.BUDDY ROOSEVELT
Helen Mason. . . . .	.Ann McKay
Bill Mason . . . . .	.Wm. H. Turner
Jim Crawford . . . . .	.ImJ. O'Connor
Jack Crawford. 1 1 . . . . .	.Wilbur Mack
Horatio Jefferson Blaabs . . . . .	.Nelson McDowell
The Sheriff. . . . .	.Hank Bell

Present by.1.1.....Lester F. Scott, Jr.  
Direction.....Richard Thorpe  
Story.....Ned Nye  
Photograph.....Irving Ries  
Produced by.....Approved Pictures Corp.

Length 4623 Feet

Synopsis

The stage coach running from Mineral City to the Golden Eagle Mine, carrying the pay-roll and the gold bullion, together with its usual number of passengers, has again been attacked by bandits. They have shot the driver, who has fallen from his seat, and the horses are madly running away, dragging the stage along dangerous mountain roads, when Buddy, jogging along on his horse, turns his gaze in the direction of the runaway stage coach and, seeing the vacant driver's seat, quickly realizes what has happened. He looks for a way to get down to the road. The steep cliff is impassable, so Buddy waits until the oncoming stage is directly under him and then making a daring leap onto the coach, brings the horses to a halt. The passengers are grateful to Buddy, and as he is about to pursue the bandits the sheriff and posse come in. Among the passengers is Bill Mason of the firm of Mason & Crawford owners of the Golden Eagle Mine, who acts as spokesman in explaining the gratitude of the passengers at Buddy's daring deed. The Sheriff and posse take after the bandits leaving Buddy and a guard to take the stage back to Mineral City.

Buddy is appointed stage driver as well as given the little cabin that goes with the job, and is made a deputy sheriff.



The chief topic of conversation in Mineral City is centered around the attempted hold-up. Buddy, together with Mason and the sheriff pass a group of by-standers discussing the affair, among them being Horatio Jefferson Blaabs, a stranded actor. Horatio talks with Mason and the sheriff a moment, and then calls Buddy aside and tells him that he, Horatio remembers seeing him before. Buddy asks where and Horatio tells him, "In your home town where you were accused of ----" Buddy asks him to be quiet. The sheriff tells Buddy about a shipment of gold coming from the me mine, and instructs him to hire a guard. Horatio, being the only man Buddy knows, and for reasons of his own, is hired as the guard.

Helen, the daughter of Mason, is none too pleased over the attentions of Jack Crawford, the son of her father's partner, who is just home from college. As Helen and Jack are out buggy riding one afternoon, a storm comes up and they are forced to take refuge in the cabin occupied by Buddy and Horatio. Buddy welcomes them and goes out to put the horses away. Jack takes a deck of cards from the table and tells Helen he wants to show her a trick. He has turned over a few cards, one of them being the ace of hearts which Helen sees. Jack then tells her he will bet her that the next card he turns is the ace of hearts. Helen argues that it can't be and considers the idea ridiculous. Jack finally asks Helen if she will marry him providing he turns the ace of hearts, and agrees that if he does not he will never mention the subject again. Helen, feeling that the situation is absurd and merely to avoid further argument, agrees. He turns the ace of hearts. Helen then tells him it was not a fair play as he had already turned the ace of hearts. ~~Helen then tells him~~ Just at this time, Buddy returns and Helen explains the situation. Buddy doesn't quite understand the situation, but in order to give the girl a fair chance he plays for her. They sit down at the table and Jack, after shuffling the cards, picks up the ace of hearts and places it on top. Buddy, observing this, removes the card and tears it up, demanding that Jack cut the deck. High card wins.

Jack becomes angry and says he will not gamble with a thief, nor has he forgotten why Buddy left their home town. Buddy tells him he had no chance to prove his innocence against he and his father, but now knows the guilty man. Buddy takes a diary from his pocket and hands it to Jack who reads: "Today I met Horatio Blaabs, whom my uncle Jim Crawford befriended when he was stranded in our home town. He saw Cousin Jack steal the money from Uncle's safe, for which I was accused ----" A terrific fight follows. During the fight Jack picks up a knife from the table and as he is about to strike Buddy, a bolt of lightning strikes his knife, and Jack falls to the floor dead.

The following morning Crawford learns of his son's death. Buddy, Helen and Horatio come into his office, and Crawford blames Buddy for Jack's death, and also tells him he will run him out of the country. Helen becomes defiant and tells Crawford her father will protect Buddy, whereupon Crawford informs her that he father has nothing to say about it as he has purchased Mason's interest in the mine. Buddy and Helen leave for her father's home, and Horatio remains with Crawford. Crawford believing he is in need of funds, apparently bribes Horatio to help him and Horatio agrees providing the remuneration is sufficient.



Helen and Buddy arrive at her home and she tells her father that he will find when he reads the papers he signed a few days ago that he is no longer part-owner of the Golden Eagle Mine. Mason hurriedly looks over the papers, and is dumbfounded when he realizes he has signed a bill of sale to the Golden Eagle Mine instead of a partnership agreement. Buddy offers his help and leaves. On his way to the mine he meets Horatio driving a horse and buggy. Buddy tells Horatio what has happened to Mason and Helen, and together they go to the mine.

Crawford, at his desk, is nervously going over some papers when Mason arrives. Mason demands an explanation as he holds a gun over Crawford. Crawford slowly drops his hand to the open drawer of his desk in which lies a revolver. The sheriff enters and takes the gun away from Mason. Mason leaves for the Mine. Crawford telephones one of his men at the mine, and tells him to get the gold and meet him at the cave.

Horatio and Buddy arrive near the mine. Horatio tells Buddy to wait at the buggy for him while he goes to the mine. Horatio comes to one of the men who is digging, then in a sly and cautious manner, he begins to talk to the man. The man tells Horatio that Crawford has just instructed him by telephone to take everything and clear out. Horatio shows little concern and seems satisfied with what the man is doing. The man goes to the corral and gets the horses ready while Horatio, hiding around the corner of a building, watches. Buddy becoming tired of waiting walks around, and for the first time sees what the men are doing. He comes in and covers the men with his gun while he asks who gave them authority to move the bullion. A second man comes in from behind Buddy and takes the gun out of his hand, and a fight follows. Horatio sees this and rushes to the assistance of Buddy, but as he runs to him he becomes tangled in some loose wire and cannot go any farther. Buddy breaks away from the men, dashes out, and swings himself up into some rigging. As they pass underneath him he leaps down on one of the men and knocks him out. Another man comes in and he and Buddy fight. A third man comes in to help his partners and Buddy is overpowered. They tie him up, mount their horses and ride out taking the gold with them.

Horatio finally gets out of the wire, unties Buddy, who jumps on his horse and pursues the fleeing men. Buddy cuts off the road and goes down a cliff. As he nears the bottom he hides in a tree. When the men pass underneath him he grabs them off their horses and rolls them down the cliff. The man with the gold gets by and Buddy rides after him. As Buddy gets closer to him, he bull-dogs him off his horse. They fight. They are very near to the edge of the cliff. Buddy hits him one final blow and he goes over the cliff and falls to destruction.

Mason and Helen come to the mine. Crawford is there, and as he sees Mason coming, Crawford takes some dynamite with the intention of blowing up the mine, and runs out. As he does so, he trips himself in the wire, and there is a terrific explosion - the dynamite has done its work.

Back at the Mason home Helen and Buddy are arranging a happy future, while her father and Horatio plan to operate the mine.

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